

one is necessary, and issuing of a document of conveyance. No document of conveyance shall be issued for unsurveyed lands. The processing of applications under this part shall be accomplished without any expense to the Bureau of Land Management.

(d) Each applicant also shall pay the cost of publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the lands are located.

§ 2641.3 Publication and payment.

(a) Prior to issuance of a conveyance document, the authorized officer shall publish a notice of realty action in the FEDERAL REGISTER and in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the lands to be conveyed. The notice shall identify the lands proposed for conveyance and contain the terms, covenants, conditions and reservations to be included in the conveyance document. The notice shall provide public comment period of 45 days from the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Comments shall be sent to the Bureau of Land Management office issuing the notice.

(b) The notice of realty action may segregate the lands or interests in lands to be conveyed to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. The segregative effect of the notice of realty action shall terminate either upon the issuance of a document of conveyance or 1 year after the date of publication, whichever occurs first.

(c) The determination concerning the granting or denial of an application shall be sent by the authorized officer to the applicant and to any party who commented on the application.

(d) The authorized officer shall advise the applicant whether any balance is due on the payments required of the applicant and of the time within which payment shall be made. Failure to pay the required amount within the allotted time shall constitute grounds for rejection of the application. If the applicant has deposited with the authorized officer an amount in excess of the payments required, the authorized officer shall so advise the applicant and return the excess payment.

§ 2641.4 Approval of conveyance.

(a) Each conveyance document shall contain appropriate covenants, terms, conditions and reservations requested by the Administrator, and those required for protection of the Department of the Interior or any agency thereof.

(b) Upon receipt of the payment required by § 2641.2 (c) and (d) of this title and after consideration of comments received, the authorized officer shall make a decision upon the application. If the decision is to make a conveyance, the authorized officer shall send the conveyance document to the Attorney General of the United States for consideration. Upon approval by the Attorney General, the authorized officer shall issue the conveyance document.

§ 2641.5 Reversion.

A conveyance shall be made only on the condition that, at the option of the Administrator, the property interest conveyed shall revert to the United States in the event that the lands in question are not developed for airport or airway purposes or are used in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the conveyance. If only a part of the property interest conveyed is not developed for airport purposes, or is used in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the conveyance, only that particular part shall, at the option of the Administrator, revert to the United States.

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Subpart 2650—Alaska Native Selections: Generally

§ 2650.0-1 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this part is to provide procedures for orderly and timely implementation of those provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601) which pertain to selections of lands and interests in lands in satisfaction of the land selections conferred by said Act upon Alaska Natives and Alaska Native corporations.

§ 2650.0-2 Objectives.

The program of the Secretary is to implement such provisions in keeping with the congressional declaration of policy that the settlement of the Natives' aboriginal land claims be fair and just and that it be accomplished rapidly, with certainty, in conformity with the real economic and social needs of Natives, without litigation and with maximum participation by Natives in decisions affecting their rights and property.

§ 2650.0-3 Authority.

Section 25 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue and publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551, *et seq.*), such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act.

§ 2650.0-5 Definitions.

(a) *Act* means the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18,